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discussed in detail, and the relationships of the different forms carefully considered.

In Part III the Rails and their allies are similarly treated, of which four species are referred to *Porzana*, one to *Rallus*, one to *Gallicrex*, one (o presumed occurrence) to *Amaurornis*, one to *Gallinula*, and one to *Fulica*.

Dr. Stejneger has also published a paper on a collection of birds made in the Liu Kiu Islands, Japan, by Mr. M. Namiye,* containing descriptions of five new species and one new genus, as follows: *Treron permagna*, *Hypsipetes pryeri*, *Icoturus namiyei* (gen. et. sp. nov.), *Chelidon namiyei*, and *Pericrocotus tegimæ*. *Megascops elegans* (Cass.) is added to the Japanese fauna, and its relationship to *M. japonicus* is discussed at length.—J. A. A.

Blakiston on the Water-Birds of Japan.†—In a paper of nine pages Mr. Blakiston discusses in a very interesting way, the distribution of the Water Birds of Japan, the character of their distribution being indicated by two tables, prefaced by three pages of explanatory remarks and a discussion of the facts presented in tabular form. The first table includes all the Water Birds of Japan, including the Kurils, Bonins, and other outlying islands. The 94 species are arranged in four columns, according to their distribution, as 'circumpolar', 'Palæarctic', 'East Asiatic', or 'Pacific'. The second table exhibits, so far as available data will permit, "the distribution of Sea-birds peculiar to the North Pacific." These, numbering 60 species, are distributed in three columns, under the heads 'Only on the Asiatic side', 'Common to both sides', and 'Only on the American side'. From this table it appears that twice as many birds are peculiar to the American side as to the Asiatic side, but this disproportion, as Mr. Blakiston observes, may be more apparent than real, owing to the ornithology of the eastern side being much better known than that of the western side. The tables are followed by several pages of critical and technical remarks on many of the species enumerated.—J. A. A.

Wells and Lawrence on the Birds of Grenada, West Indies.—For the last three years Mr. Wells has been sending specimens of the birds of the Island of Grenada, West Indies, to Mr. Lawrence for identification, from which has resulted the present 'Catalogue'‡ of ninety-two species of the birds of the island. As Mr. Lawrence states, in a prefatory note, "Mr. Wells enumerates thirty-eight species more than are given by Mr. Ober in his catologue of the birds of Grenada. He procured all the species obtained or seen by Mr. Ober, and four he had not identified have been determined.

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* On a Collection of Birds made by Mr. M. Namiye, in the Liu Kiu Islands, Japan, with descriptions of new species. Ibid., pp. 634-651. (Dated Feb. 14, 1887; received March 17, 1887.)

† Water-Birds of Japan. By J. W. Blakiston. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1886, pp. 652-660.

‡ A Catalogue of the Birds of Grenada, West Indies, with observations thereon. By John Grant Wells, of Grenada. Edited by George N. Lawrence. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1886, pp. 609-633. Signatures dated Feb. 11, 1887.